

Introduced by Senator Escutia

February 18, 2004

An act to add Sections 17039.2 and 23036.2 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

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SB 1354, as introduced, Escutia. Income and corporation tax credits: carryovers.

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. Those laws provide that specified credits that are not used for the taxable year may be carried over to subsequent years, as provided.

This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2005, provide that the aggregate amount of all credits that contain a carryover provision may not reduce the "net tax," or "tax," as applicable, for the taxable year by more than 50%, as provided.

This bill would result in a change in state taxes for the purpose of increasing state revenues within the meaning of Section 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and thus would require for passage the approval of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17039.2 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

17039.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the aggregate amount of all credits that contain a carryover provision (including both credits carried forward from prior years and credits allowed in the current taxable year) may not reduce the “net tax” for the taxable year (after reduction by credits that do not contain a carryover provision) by more than 50 percent.

(b) The carryover period for any credit limited by operation of subdivision (a) shall be extended by one year.

(c) This section shall be operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2005.

SEC. 2. Section 23036.2 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

23036.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the aggregate amount of all credits that contain a carryover provision (including both credits carried forward from prior years and credits allowed in the current taxable year) may not reduce the “tax” for the taxable year (after reduction by credits that do not contain a carryover provision) by more than 50 percent.

(b) The carryover period for any credit limited by operation of subdivision (a) shall be extended by one year.

(c) This section shall be operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2005.

SEC. 3. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.